(5) Launching of New Credit Guarantee Scheme by SIDBI under which collateral free loans upto Rs. 25 lakhs are covered for guarantee under the scheme.

(6) Raising the limit of the projects to Rs. 50 lakhs for providing assistance under the National Equity fund Scheme;

(7) The individual credit limit to artisans, village and cottage industries for reckoning under advance to weaker sections is increased to Rs. 50,000/- from the present limit of Rs. 25,000/.

(8) Earmarking of 30% of the Investment under National Equity Fund Scheme for the tiny Sector.

**Foreign Exchange Regulation Act**

668. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act to monitor the use of these funds by NGO; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) Government is considering certain changes in the law governing the receipt and utilization of foreign contribution by voluntary organizations to remove shortcomings noticed in the present law.

**Debt burden of farmers**

†669. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that burden of debt on the farmers is increasing as a result of higher rate of interest on loans provided to them;

(b) if not, Government's reaction thereto;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.